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Cleaning of Anti Graffiti Overlaminates

Avery FasFiti™ and Avery DOL4300 are overlaminate films that protect indoor and outdoor decals from permanent contamination resulting from graffiti. In this instructional bulletin we outline recommendations and points to be considered when removing graffiti from anti-graffiti films.

It is recommended that citrus-based graffiti removal fluids be used for the removal of graffiti without damaging Avery FasFiti™ or Avery DOL4300 anti-graffiti films. These are readily available from supermarkets. As there are many types of paints used for graffiti, some cleaners may have more success than others. For extremely stubborn graffiti Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) may be used sparingly.

Caution: When using solvents follow all manufacturers recommended procedures for OH & S.

Cleaning Process

1. Saturate a lint free non-abrasive pad or cloth with the graffiti remover.
2. Soak the area to be cleaned keeping away from edges and seams where the graffiti remover can penetrate into the adhesive.
3. Wipe off all excess liquid with a clean dry cloth to avoid staining.

The following factors must also be considered when removing graffiti:

- When using any graffiti removal liquids, manufacturer's instructions for safe working practices must be followed.
- Material Safety Data Sheets must be obtained where possible.
- Cleaners are not to be used on graphics or decals unprotected by anti-graffiti film.
- Abrasive pads or cloth are not recommended.
- Care must be taken around edges and seams to avoid penetration of the liquid into the adhesive of the graphic.
- Graffiti removers should only be left on the surface long enough to obtain a satisfactory result.
- Graffiti remover must not be left to dry on the surface.
- Avoid using removers in direct sunlight or high temperatures.

For further information, contact your local Avery Graphics representative.